

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Stephen B. Hoy
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For: EDIBLE ANIMAL GREETING CARDS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of this application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 11, 12, 14-17, 20, 21, 23, 25 and 27.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An edible greeting card suitable for ingestion by a pet
- comprising:
- a substantially rigid edible panel suitable for ingestion by a pet, the
- substantially rigid edible panel having [a thickness, a perimeter,] a front surface and
- a back surface;
- at least one message region disposed on one of [being positioned on] the front
- surface [and/or] and the back surface of the substantially rigid edible panel [and
- within the perimeter of the substantially rigid edible panel]; and

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